

<b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/712,408	<b>Applicant(s)</b> MCCLELLAN ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Kathryn Odland	<b>Art Unit</b> 3743	

**All Participants:**

(1) Kathryn Odland.

(2) Scott Dorland.

**Status of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Date of Interview:** 24 March 2004

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Interview:**

- ☒ Telephonic  
☐ Video Conference  
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

**Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated:** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

**Part I.**

**Rejection(s) discussed:**

35 USC 102 (a and/or e) over *Frazier et al.* in US 6,231,561; 35 USC 102(b) over *Ehlers* in US 5,224,497

**Claims discussed:**

1, 5, and 35

**Prior art documents discussed:**

*Frazier et al.* (US 6,231,561), *Ehlers* (US 5,224,497), *Allen et al.* (US 6,626,930) and *St. Goar et al.* (US 6,629,534)

**Part II.**

**SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:**

*See Continuation Sheet*

**Part III.**

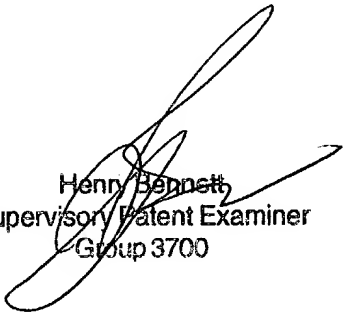
- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.  
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.



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(Examiner/SPE Signature)

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(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Applicant was contacted to request amending the independent claims to further define the invention over the prior art of record as well as clarify the claim language with respect to the tissue bundle. Applicant agreed to further define the tissue bundle as inverted as well as folded for clarification. Further, applicant incorporated the limitation of the inflatable member as the grasper to further define over the prior art.



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